two first formulae on page 6. It is believed that progesterone derivatives of group II should also be examined since they are all progesterone derivatives. The claims falling within the scope of group I are claims 1 to 6, part of claims 7 to 9, 12, 13 part of claim 14 and 34 to 42,

Since the first office action was merely an election of species, a prompt examination on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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